

## New Claims

Add the following new claims.

9. A method for playing a casino card game, comprising:

conducting play of a first casino card game according to first game rules associated with the first casino card game;

establishing at least one predetermined special round threshold event associated with play of the first casino card game which acts as a trigger for conducting play of at least one special round game;

initiating at least one special round game if said at least one special round threshold event is achieved;

conducting said at least one special round game according to special round rules associated with play of the at least one special round game;

paying a special round bonus award if the rules of the at least one special round game are met during conduct of said at least one special round game

10. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes at least one event which is involved in normal play of the first casino game

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11. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

12. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

13. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a player which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

14. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

15. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by either a player or a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

16. A method according to claim 9 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by both a player and a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

17. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of a single player

18. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of both a player and a dealer

19. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players

20. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players and a dealer

21. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

22. A method according to claim 9 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

23. A method according to claim 9 wherein said at least one predetermined special round threshold event

24. A method according to claim 9 and further comprising betting during the at least one special round game

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25. A method for playing a casino gambling game, comprising:

conducting play of a first casino game according to first game rules associated with the first casino game;

establishing at least one predetermined special round threshold event associated with play of the first casino game which acts as a trigger for conducting play of at least one special round game;

initiating at least one special round game if said at least one special round threshold event is achieved;

conducting said at least one special round game according to special round rules associated with play of the at least one special round game;

paying a special round bonus award if the rules of the at least one special round game are met during conduct of said at least one special round game

26. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes at least one event which is involved in normal play of the first casino game

27. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

28. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

29. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a player which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

30. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

31. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by either a player or a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

32. A method according to claim 25 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by both a player and a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

33. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of a single player

34. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of both a player and a dealer

35. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players

36. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players and a dealer

37. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

38. A method according to claim 25 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

39. A method according to claim 25 wherein said at least one predetermined special round threshold event

40. A method according to claim 25 and further comprising betting during the at least one special round game

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41. An apparatus for playing a casino gambling game, comprising:

a video card game machine having a visual display;

a game processor which performs the following operations:

conducting play of a first casino game according to first game rules  
associated with the first casino game;

establishing at least one predetermined special round threshold event  
associated with play of the first casino game which acts as a trigger  
for conducting play of at least one special round game;

initiating at least one special round game if said at least one special round  
threshold event is achieved;

conducting said at least one special round game according to special round  
rules associated with play of the at least one special round game;

paying a special round bonus award if the rules of the at least one special  
round game are met during conduct of said at least one special round  
game

42. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round  
threshold event includes at least one event which is involved in normal play of the first  
casino game

43. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round  
threshold event includes a plurality of events which are involved in normal play of the first  
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44. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

45. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a player which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

46. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

47. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by either a player or a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

48. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by both a player and a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game

49. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of a single player

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50. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of both a player and a dealer

51. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players

52. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players and a dealer

53. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

54. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the special round game involves play of at least one special round player and a dealer with a portion of the special round award being awarded to at least one player other than the at least one special round player

55. An apparatus according to claim 41 wherein said at least one predetermined special round threshold event

56. An apparatus according to claim 41 and further comprising betting during the at least one special round game